

Truro Board of Selectmen Meeting

November 28, 2006-6:00 pm

Members Present: Chairman Fred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk-Christopher R. Lucy, Jan Worthington, Curtis Hartman

Present: Town Administrator Pamela T. Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Steve Desroche-Cape Codder reporter, Martha Nagy, Derek Burritt-Provincetown Banner reporter, Eliza Harned, Lauren McKean, Susan Travers, Jay Demers, Dave Keeney, Bill Worthington, Steve Royka, Donald Liptak, Anthony DeVito, Jennifer Shannon.

Regular Meeting Convened at 6:00 pm

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm by Chairman Gaechter.

Review/Approve Minutes

October 24, 2006

Gary Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Session minutes of October 24, 2006 and hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance, seconded by Curtis Hartman. Vote: 4-1 with Chris Lucy abstaining.

November 14, 2006

Gary Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Session minutes of November 14, 2006 and hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance, seconded by Jan Worthington. Vote: 4-1 with Chris Lucy abstaining.

November 21, 2006

Gary Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Session minutes of November 21, 2006 and hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance, seconded by Jan Worthington. Vote: 3-2 with Curtis Hartman and Chris Lucy abstaining.

Public Comment

None

Discussion of AMERICORPS

Jay Demers and Dave Keeney volunteers from the Barnstable County AmeriCorps Cape Cod program and Lauren McKean from the National Park Service, discussed the volunteer programs that AmeriCorps offers communities. Dave Keeney discussed the possibility of helping boards and committees and department heads with environmental conservation projects, environmental education and disaster preparedness and response activities. Chairman Gaechter attended a meeting of the Open Space Committee and they were submitting a proposal for volunteers to help creating a trail on Poor's Hill. The Shellfish Warden and the chairman of Shellfish Advisory Committee, the Fire Chief, the Conservation Commission Chair and the Harbormaster will be notified by the town administrator informing them of the programs being offered by AmeriCorps. The proposal deadline is December 1, 2006 but late proposals will be considered.

Discussion of Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project

Donald Liptack spoke on behalf of the Cape Cod Water Resources Restoration Project as district conservationist. Research began approximately five years ago to determine what areas needed to be restored in salt marshes, obstructed fish passages, and improving water quality on Cape Cod. The former chairman of the Conservation Commission and Mr. Liptack visited different sites in Truro that needed to be studied further. The salt marsh restoration project in the Pamet River at Route 6 is being considered because of an invasion of phragmites. It was suggested to study the dredging of the Pamet River for this project. Mr. Liptack informed the board if a town project falls within the proposed restoration guidelines and the site is approved by neighbors and project coordinators and it is not in the Final Watershed Plan there is still a possibility that the proposed project would be approved. In order for the members of the board to be more involved in the process Mr. Liptack suggested appointing a representative to serve on the CCWRRP Advisory Council to gain a better understanding of the program and the guidelines for projects. In order to be considered for federal funding, the town must send a letter of support to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and support the Watershed Agreement, which Mr. Liptack provided. A letter of support was written and reviewed by members of the board. Mr. Gaechter suggested amending the language in the letter and volunteered to rewrite the letter for the board. Mr. Gaechter asked Ms Nolan to copy the Final Watershed Agreement for the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Curb Cut: Jackie Palmer, 1 Kyle Way

Anthony DeVito, Pine Knoll Builders spoke on behalf of Ms. Palmer's new curb cut on Aldrich Road. The property has an existing driveway on Kyle Way and is constructing a new garage to the rear of the property with a driveway from Aldrich Road. Ms. Worthington felt the curb cut was unnecessary for a .78 acre lot. Mr. Gaechter had fire safety concerns and whether or not a fire truck would be able to get to the garage without a driveway. **Fred Gaechter moved to approve the Aldrich Road curb cut for Jackie Palmer (1 Kyle Way), seconded by Chris Lucy for the sake of discussion.** Jan Worthington informed the board a fire truck would be able to get to the garage without the curb cut. **Vote: 4-1 with Curtis Hartman opposing.**

Appoint/Interview Members to the Taxation Aid Committee

Curtis Hartman informed the board the Town Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund was approved at Annual Town Meeting in April of 1999. The article was written to enable a taxpayer to donate an amount of money to establish an Aid to the Elderly and Disabled Taxation fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly and disabled persons of low income. The Taxation Aid Committee has been charged with adopting rules and regulations to carry out the provision of this act and to identify the recipients of such aid.

Appoint/Interview Members to the Taxation Aid Committee

Mr. Steve Royka was interviewed by the board and he felt his position as a board member of the Council on Aging would help him to make decisions pertaining to the Taxation Aid Committee. **Curtis Hartman moved to approve Steve Royka to serve as a member of the Taxation Aid Committee for a two-year term ending on June 30, 2008, seconded by Chris Lucy. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Ms. Jennifer Shannon has worked in both the private and the public sectors providing health services and based on her experience could contribute a great deal to this committee. **Curtis Hartman moved to approve Jennifer Shannon to serve as a member of the Taxation Committee for a one year term ending June 30, 2006, seconded by Chris Lucy. Vote 5-0, unanimous.**

Roberta Lema was unable to attend the meeting and be interviewed. Mr. Hartman felt Ms. Lema's credentials spoke for themselves and requested approving her appointment without an interview. Ms. Nolan will inform Ms. Lema of her appointment to the committee. **Curtis Hartman moved to approve Roberta Lema to serve as a member of the Taxation Aid Committee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2009, seconded by Jan Worthington. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative Town Representative

Mr. John Dundas withdrew his application to serve on the CCWPC as a town representative.

Testing in Little Pamet

Selectmen Palmer reported that the Town of Provincetown's engineers from Environmental Partners Group have been testing in the Little Pamet and have found that the water flow to C5 has not been affected. The Environmental Partners Group are now requesting permission to move the testing to the Pamet River for additional data. **Gary Palmer moved to grant permission for Environmental Partners Group to move the testing from the Little Pamet River to the Pamet River, seconded by Fred Gaechter. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Discussion of Endowment for Pamet Park

The Eisenberg family has asked the town if they may endow one of the benches at Pamet Park and attach a plaque with family members names embossed on it. Ms. Nolan asked the board's opinion on accepting endowment funds. Ms. Worthington discussed the possibility of the town paying for the Eisenberg bench and plaque as a gift to them. **Jan Worthington moved to accept the one time payment for the bench with a bronze plaque from the Eisenberg's and the town will be responsible for any future maintenance of the bench and also moved, to approve the cost of a bench and bronze plaque in Lloyd Rose's name at Pamet Park, seconded by Fred Gaechter. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Discussion of Renewable Fuels

The Assistant Town Administrator as the representative for Cape Cod Renewable Fuels Partnership spoke to the board concerning the Cape Cod Renewable Fuel Declaration of Support and the Endorsement of the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. The purpose of the discussion was to identify potential renewable fuel markets and infrastructure needs for Cape Cod and develop recommendations and steps required to make the use of renewable fuels viable and maximize economic benefits. In the declaration the town agrees to use biodiesel blends, where appropriate and applications to be considered are on and off-road vehicles and equipment, marine vessels, heating oil equipment, direct and standby generators and other potential substitutes for standard diesel applications. The US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement mentions the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption which 141 countries have adopted and some of those countries are not legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. The Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the United States would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Many US companies have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility and to remain competitive in the international marketplace. Ms. Greenhalgh presented the declaration for approval and asked that the Mayors climate Protection agreement be approved as well. **Fred Gaechter moved to approve the signing of the Cape Cod Renewable Fuels Declaration of Support on behalf of the Town of Truro, seconded by Gary Palmer. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Gary Palmer moved to approve the Kyoto Protocol in principle and endorse the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, seconded by Curtis Hartman. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Town Administrator's Report**NIMS Report**

The town administrator reminded the members of the board to complete the incident command online training which is required for homeland security.

Tax Bills FY2007

The FY 2007 real estate and personal property bills were mailed today (Nov. 28th) and the first half will be due on December 28, 2006.

Provincetown's Water Pumpage Report

The memo pertaining to the Water Pumpage Report for November of 2006 indicates a decrease in water system withdrawals by 5.9%. Selectmen Hartman reported after reading the pumpage report the figures did not decrease it was an increase in water usage. Ms. Nolan will question Mr. Bergman on this matter.

Selectmen's Report and Liaison Reports**Selectmen Hartman-No Report**

Selectmen Lucy-Mr. Lucy questioned the town administrator on when the successful bidder of the surplus vehicle would be picking up the vehicle. Ms. Nolan understood that the Administrative Secretary had sent two letters to Sherif Motors giving them a deadline to pay for and pick up the vehicle. We have as yet had not received a response from them, if they do not respond it will go to the next bidder. Ms. Nolan will research and report back to the Selectmen.

Selectmen Gaechter-Attended an Open Space committee meeting and the AmeriCorps proposal was discussed pertaining to creating a trail on Poor's Hill. A Truro citizen wanted the selectmen to ask if the Town of Provincetown would be willing to give Truro residents parking privileges. Ms. Nolan will question Mr. Bergman and report back to the Selectmen. Ms. Greenhalgh emailed dates and times to the board to set up a meeting with the planning board, zoning board of appeals, conservation commission, board of health and the water resources oversight committee to discuss the MESA map. The Selectmen agreed to meet on Thursday, Dec. 14th at 5:00 pm.

Palmer-No report.

Selectmen Worthington-at the last Board of Fire Engineers meeting the need for a full-time paramedic was discussed. It is very difficult for rescue squad members to leave their jobs during the day to respond to rescue calls. Lower Cape Ambulance is used as a back-up but because of the distance from Provincetown to Truro, their response time is around sixteen minutes. Mr. John Lundborn, member of the Lower Cape Ambulance's board of directors is taking this matter very seriously and is trying to resolve the response time issue.

Next Meeting Schedule for the Board of Selectmen

There will not be meeting scheduled on December 26, 2006 and January 2, 2007.

At 7:31 pm Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider the release of Executive Session minutes and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. Vote 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington
Truro Board of Selectmen